



## Okay To Expand, GCS Members Vote

The management and board of directors of Greenbelt Consumer Services last night received approval of plans for expanding the cooperative's operations. Over objections and a motion to table, those present at the special membership meeting voted 81 to 18 to back plans to open a cooperative supermarket in the New Hampshire Avenue area.

Elected to a new auditing committee were Bruce Bowman, George West, and Sherrod East.

The expansion vote was preceded by reports from General Manager Sam Ashelman and board president Walter Bierwagen, reviewing the record-high operation figures of the first quarter of 1950, and giving background for the board's already-publicized approval of the expansion. Members were sent last week-end a copy of the outline on which the board had based its approval. Copies were distributed at the meeting together with the first quarter's balance sheet and operating statement.

### Objection Overruled

Objections at the meeting centered around lack of planning for future Greenbelt improvements and the "expand first—educate later" procedure contemplated by the outline. The answers given were that progress inside Greenbelt must wait on settlement of the disposal problems, and that a good supermarket would be the best advertisement for new members that the cooperative could make. A demand for a written ballot was defeated, 40 to 24, and the expansion was approved. Refreshments were served while members waited for audit election results.

The board meets tomorrow night in the GCS office at 8 p.m.

## Minstrel Show Held By Methodist Church

The Friendship Bible Class of the Mowatt Memorial Methodist Church will hold a minstrel show Friday, April 21, at the community building auditorium. Curtain time: 8:15.

Promised are songs, dances, and comedy, to benefit the building fund of the Church. Tickets will be available at the door or from Mrs. Vivian June, Greenbelt 3739.

## Mayor To Attend Education Meeting

Mayor Betty Harrington will represent the Washington Metropolitan area at a national conference on education to be held in the auditorium of Western High School, 35th and R Streets, N.W., in Washington, at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, April 25. The conference is open to the public.

Mrs. Eugene Meyer is chairman of the meeting, which has been called to stimulate interest in the Bailey Bill in the House of Representatives. This bill would provide financial assistance to educational agencies in areas affected by federal activities. In the Metropolitan Washington areas, Montgomery and Prince Georges counties in Maryland, and Arlington and Fairfax counties in Virginia, are the most affected. There are 600 other areas throughout the United States where there are Federal, Army, and Navy installations, and six representatives from these areas are scheduled to speak. Superintendent Early of Arlington County schools will discuss the main points of the bill.

Mrs. Harrington will outline the effect of sharp increases in the school population in the Washington Metropolitan areas caused by an increased number of Federal agencies. There will be no admission charge.

## GCS Meat Dep't. Holds Demonstration

"Between a 'skirt steak' and a 'chuck strip,' it sounds like we're running a burlesque show," said Jack Jahrsdoerfer, head of the GCS food store meat department, as he sliced a steer forequarter as easily as if it were cheese. While the food store advisory committee watched him Monday night in the meat department, he explained how GCS buys, prepares, and prices meats for local consumption; how the consumer can recognize quality meat; and how to cook meat properly.

"Whenever a customer complains about a cut of meat," explained Jahrsdoerfer, "it's usually because she didn't know how to prepare it. The best quality and choice cut won't taste right if it isn't prepared right." Apart from steaks and chops there are two ways of preparing meat: dry cooking, in a pre-heated oven, at a slow temperature without a cover or any liquid, but basted frequently; the other, moist cooking at a simmer on top of the stove with liquid and a tight-fitting lid. Meats cooked in either of these two ways should be seasoned thoroughly before cooking so that the heat dissolves the salt and it can seep down into the meat.

### Stamps Explained

Meats that are Government inspected bear the stamp of U. S. Choice, U. S. Good, and U. S. Commercial. Private packers use different descriptions: Grade AA, Grade A, and Grade B, which correspond in that order to Government stamps. About 10% of U. S. Choice is used throughout the country, but makes up most of the meat that is sold at the food store. Meat for stews, hamburgers, and some roasts are U. S. Commercial, and comprises 50% of the meat consumption in the country.

### Consumers Can Learn

Dan Livingston, area meat buyer, visits packing houses and selects meats for quality, finish, and conformation. Consumers can learn to judge their meats the same way by looking for texture, grain of the meat, color, uniformity of the shape, and the amount of meat in proportion to the bone. "Marbling" is a good indication of a tender, tasty meat. (White markings throughout the meat are fat, or marbling.) "The larger the amount of fat around the meat, the tastier and tender the meat," said Livingston.

Questions were asked as Jahrsdoerfer talked and worked steadily at slicing the steaks and trimming the roasts. "Why don't we see many of the cuts on the counter that you've just made?" asked a woman. "Many people only use the cuts of meat they are familiar with and know by name," explained Jahrsdoerfer, "but we're trying to give you variety, so don't hesitate to ring the bell now that you know these new cuts, if you don't see them on the counter."

Throughout the demonstration, questions were asked frequently and eagerly, while many present contributed cooking tips. Refreshments of coffee, doughnuts, and Wisconsin Cheddar cheese were served.

## Woman's Club Will Meet Next Thursday

The Woman's Club of Greenbelt will hold its regular meeting in the social room of the community building Thursday, April 27, at 2 p.m. The speaker will be from the interior decorating department of Woodward and Lothrop.

Hostesses for the meeting will be Mrs. Henry Brautigam, Mrs. David Granahan, Mrs. Samuel L. Houlton, Mrs. Freeland Ramsdell, and Mrs. Orville M. Slye.

## Teenagers To Enjoy Hayride And Hike

By Ora Donoghue

The hay-ride planned by the junior high group of the Drop-Inn for last Friday was postponed because of the weather forecast. The thermometer was supposed to go down to 22 degrees that evening, and the boys and girls decided to wait until the following week. Transportation will be provided, and picnic lunches prepared only for those who had their permission slips in by Wednesday. Softball and horseshoes will be played in the early part of the evening, and singing around the fire and dancing will be on the program after time-out is taken for refreshments. The trucks will leave the youth center at 6 p.m., with Rock Creek Park as their destination, and return to Greenbelt at approximately 11:15 p.m. The boys and girls will be chaperoned by Miss Donoghue, Mrs. Roehling, and at least two other adults.

### Juke Box Sat. Nite

Saturday night also holds a special treat for all teenagers. The junior high officers have planned an open house juke-box dance which will start at 7:30 and end at 11. The teen-agers are invited to come with or without dates and dance all evening to music of their choice for only a dime per person. This is the first dance the junior group has sponsored since its Valentine Dance, and all of the members of the group are looking forward to it, and hope that all other teen-agers will come down and join in an evening of dancing with them.

Forty boys and girls met at the Drop-Inn last Tuesday, and hiked to the lake for an afternoon of picnicking, dancing, and softball. The event was planned by the senior high group, and all teenagers were invited.

### Enroll Now For Nursery

The Cooperative Nursery School announced this week that enrollments of three- and four-year-old children for the coming year can be made now. Parents are asked to contact Mrs. Shirley Levine at Gr. 8956.

## Blake Palmer Chosen Class President At A.U.

Blake Palmer, son of Mrs. Lydalu Palmer, 1-D Eastway, was recently elected president of the junior class at Washington College of Law of the American University. He was also initiated into the Delta Theta Phi legal fraternity.

A graduate of the Center school and the Greenbelt high school, Blake served with the Marines during World War II. He was with the 23rd regiment of the 4th Marines that landed on Yellow Beach II of Iwo Jima on D-Day.

## NCJW Hears Speaker Discuss DP Program

National council members attending last Wednesday's meeting of the National Council of Jewish Women heard the guest speaker of the evening, Mrs. Samuel Strouse. Her subject was "The DP Problem in Baltimore." Members asked questions relating to the subject.

Members present at the April 12 meeting voted to enter a decorated float in the July 4 parade. Any members wishing to volunteer their services for the council float committee may call Mrs. Edith Nicholas at 8911.

The council's second annual bake sale will be held at 10 a.m., April 28, in front of the theatre lobby.

Next board meeting will be held April 26 at 8:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Eugene Ehrlich, 1903 Den-nis Avenue, Silver Spring.

## Operation Youth Center Succeeds With New Plans, Members, Progress

An average of between 100 and 125 teenagers now visit the Drop Inn on Saturday nights, the youth center's director, Mrs. Eileen Labukas, said in her semi-annual report of April 1. Nearly as many—between 75 and 100—patronize the center on Friday nights, with around 40 in the afternoons, and 25 to 30 on Wednesday and Sunday nights.

## Local Three Honored By Youth Center

Mr. and Mrs. Beverley Fonda and Betsy Cassidy were honored last Saturday night at the Drop-Inn by receiving the two monthly outstanding cups. Mr. and Mrs. Fonda were selected by the officers of both groups for giving their time to lead the square dancing class, and Betsy was chosen for keeping the scrapbook up to date for the Drop-Inn. Both, through their generosity, have boosted the youth center program considerably.

### Faithfuls

The square dancing was started last November by the Fondas, and in spite of the irregular attendance of the members, they came faithfully every other week to lead the group. Those who attended thoroughly enjoyed themselves and were sorry when the class closed. Another will be started next year, and interested teen-agers are now rounding up others for the class.

Betsy has done a most efficient job with the scrapbook and not one item of interest that appeared in the local papers or on the bulletin board has escaped her watchful eye. Betsy also helped in the yearbook selling campaign and made a considerable dent in the supply on hand, thus boosting the center's treasury.

## Family Donor Fund Started By JCC

The board of trustees of the Jewish Community Center has announced that over 75 percent of the members of the Center have indicated their desire to subscribe to a family donor's fund for the construction of the JCC building.

According to this method, each member family will perform some service or sell some item. The money earned will be set aside until \$50 has been accumulated by each family. Nat and Florence Shinderman will advise members on new methods and techniques.

The building fund committee has submitted several money-raising plans, such as rummage sales, raffles, and a dance which will take place in the near future.

## High School Senior Honored With Show

Rusty Brown, senior at Greenbelt high school, who was seriously injured on April 3, was honored at a fund-raising assembly and variety show at the high school Tuesday, April 18. Rusty, who fell off a truck on April 3 and suffered a fractured skull and broken vertebrae, is now recovering in Prince Georges General Hospital in Chevy Chase. The student council and a student committee, under the direction of Miss Beckman, put on the variety show.

Proceeds totaling \$232 from the show were placed in an account in young Rusty's name at the Greenbelt branch of the Prince Georges Bank. Minimum admission to the show was 25 cents, although the students could donate whatever amount they desired above 25 cents. It was found more desirable to open the account with the \$232 collected in order that others who have expressed a desire to contribute would have the opportunity to do so.

The total paid-up membership increased during the period, Mrs. Labukas said, to 324. The increase was composed primarily of senior high school girls, she added.

The director explained that the building was opened on a full-time basis last October, with the following schedule: afternoons (3:30 to 5:30 p.m.)—open house for all teen-agers, whether members or not; Wednesday, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m., senior high members; Friday, 7:30 to 11:30, senior high members; and Saturday, 7:30 to 11 p.m., junior high members.

### Young Newspaper

A new venture reported was the publication of the Baby Cooperator, a biweekly under the editorship of Joe Brosmer with Mrs. Labukas as advisor. Others on the newspaper's staff are Rita Snoddy, Joanne Slaughter, Patsy Arrington, Margaret Zoellner, Richard Graziano, Ann Dwiggins, and Laurie Maffay. The latest edition of the Baby Cooperator, dated April 8, announced the beginning of Sunday afternoon programs from 3 to 5:30, to which all teen-agers are invited.

One difference pointed up by Mrs. Labukas between the reactions of the senior and the junior high school groups showed that the older age group seemed to enjoy spontaneous, open-house activities, while the junior high members responded better to planned affairs.

Most popular portion of the recent season, Mrs. Labukas said, was while the basketball games were in progress. "Boys and girls flocked to the Drop-Inn after the games for dancing and refreshments," the report said.

### Keynote: Cooperation

Cooperation keynotes the conduct of the center's members, the report stated. About half take part in planning and execution of plans, and most of the remainder at least are not destructive.

Assisting Mrs. Labukas in directing the center is Miss Ora Donoghue. Both Mrs. Labukas and Miss Donoghue are members of the staff of the Greenbelt Recreation Department, under the direction of Sam Fox.

On the Youth Center Advisory Board are Ervin Dietzel, chairman; Mrs. Orville Slye, secretary; Mrs. Henry Walter, treasurer; Mrs. James Kennedy, parents' guild; and Jack Fruchtman, ways and means.

Leader of the college age group is Miss Joan Dietzel. Senior high officers are Joe Brosmer, president; Joanne Slaughter, vice president; Rita Snoddy, secretary; and Mike Littleton, treasurer.

Officers of the junior high group are Kenny Miller, president; Nancy Snyder, vice president; Ronda Bibler, secretary; Valarie Ramsdell, treasurer; and Joan Davenport, entertainment.

### Junior Writes Prize Essay

Miss Betty Jean Porter, a junior at Greenbelt High School, won fifth place out of nearly seven hundred participants in an essay contest on selling in metropolitan Washington.

She and her sponsor, Mrs. Annamaria Dretsia Beveridge, are invited to attend a dinner meeting on Monday, April 24, in the Sapphire Room of the Mayflower Hotel to receive the certificate of award.

Parents who did not register their children for kindergarten today (Thursday) should do so Friday, April 21.



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2. To serve the best interests of the cooperative movement.

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## Congratulations

One municipal report that *The Cooperator* always receives with pleasure and interest is that of the Youth Center. No dull statistics, these. Beneath the figures, schedules, names, and titles lies a story of fun and progress—surely an ideal combination.

Hayrides, ballroom dancing, square dancing, bowling, after-game snacks—these and other recreational outlets are offered Greenbelt's teen-agers in an atmosphere as free of adult interference as is consistent with adequate protection. A sense of responsibility, so often neglected in adolescent training today, is encouraged and appreciated at the Youth Center. Programs, rule making and enforcement, and the execution of plans are left for the most part in the hands of the teen-agers, with adult guidance and advice where necessary.

The center is used now to capacity. We congratulate Mrs. Labukas and Miss Donoghue on their successful direction, and only wish the facilities could be expanded to accommodate the hundreds of young Greenbelters who currently have no fun spot, or who spend their time instead on street corners and in other unrewarding hang-outs.

## To the Editor

### GENERALLY SPEAKING

Last week's Greenbelt Cooperator carried a story by the Cooperative News Service about Life's March 27 editorial which urged, as a "practical alternative" to the so-called welfare State, a "welfare society" in which "monopolistic prices . . . would be progressively undercut and eliminated by consumer cooperatives."

This speaking in glib generalities, is dangerous. Life's editorial gives lip service to the cooperative movement: "Welfare on a self-reliant basis is not a vague utopian hope but a very practical possibility." Getting down to practicalities, what does Life say? One week before, on March 20, Life editorially urged the defeat of the Cooperative Housing Title in the Middle Income Housing Bill. This Life editorial was used profusely by the opponents of cooperative housing in debate on the floor of Congress.

The technique was good: Kill the bill that would have given the cooperative movement a firm base, then, in very general terms, advocate cooperatives.

## St Hugh's Offers Oysters April 23

Saint Hugh's Catholic Church of Greenbelt will hold its third annual oyster roast at the American Legion home on Sunday, April 23, from 2 to 7 p.m. Charles Wright is chairman of ticket sales, and there will be special rates for children.

The menu for the day includes oysters, raw, steamed, fried, stewed; clams, half shell, chowder; spare ribs and sauerkraut; hot roast beef; hot dogs and rolls, and potato salad.

Proceeds will go to the church's debt-reducing fund.

## Melby-Johnson

Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Melby have returned from their honeymoon trip to Philadelphia and Atlantic City and will be living at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Johnson, 39-L Ridge Road. The former Ellen Johnson and her husband were married March 25 in a simple ceremony at her parents' home with Rev. Braund officiating. The wedding was followed by a reception.

For her wedding, the bride wore a toast-colored suit with white accessories and carried white orchids; the attendants were Mrs. Thomas Ropko and Gene Meyers. The bride graduated from Greenbelt High School, class of '48, and has been employed by the Government since. The groom is with the United States Navy and is from Cedarburg, Wisconsin.

## St Hugh's Bazaar Planned For May 16

Tuesday, May 16, has been set as the date for a bazaar to be sponsored by the St. Hugh's Parents' Guild, according to Mrs. Joseph Loftus, guild president. The bazaar will be held at the church hall from 1 p.m. until late evening.

Mrs. Frank J. Sherlock, general chairman, has announced that there will be bingo, games, and refreshments. Booths will include plants and flowers, aprons and kitchenware, fancy goods, dolls and doll clothes, cakes, a fish pond, religious articles, candy, a white elephant table, refreshments, and greeting cards.

Main attraction at the bazaar will be the drawing in the evening for three dolls being dressed by guild members and one of the sisters. One will be a doll dressed in the habit of the Sisters of the Holy Cross; another a doll dressed like a little girl making her first Holy Communion; and a third is a doll with a complete wardrobe.

## Personal Touch

Doris Asbell Mednick, 3518

Wedding bells will chime this Friday night at 7 p.m. for Carl E. Pearson, Jr., 2-M Gardenway, when he takes Miss Jeanne Norsworthy of Hyattsville for his bride. This date is also the 28th wedding anniversary of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl E. Pearson. Mrs. Pearson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Byrd of Lawton, Oklahoma, are here for the event. A reception will take place at the American Legion Home after the wedding. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hall, Sr., will be at home to friends on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary, Friday evening from 7 p.m. To help them celebrate, their daughter, Mrs. George Raymond Tomlinson of Toronto, Canada, has come to town.

Eric Ashelman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ashelman, Jr., 4-D Hillside celebrated his 8th birthday last week with a treat-trip to the Rodeo, accompanied by his boy friends. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Paul Borsky, 44-R Ridge, became the happy parents of a son, Arthur Jay, 7 lbs. 14 oz., on April 10. To tally things a bit, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth R. Gilbert 20-B Ridge, announce the birth of a daughter on April 14.

Mrs. James McCarl, Mrs. Robert Bonham, and Mrs. L. G. Benefiel enjoyed an embassy tour in Washington recently. Tea was served at the French Embassy. In the receiving line where Mrs. Truman, Mrs. Barkley, Mrs. Vinson, and Mrs. Woodrow Wilson. The tour included ten embassies.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Benefield, 60-B Crescent, entertained Mr. and Mrs. Church Cox and daughters, and Mr. and Mrs. James Brown of Pendleton, Indiana, over the Easter holidays. They flew east to take in the cherry blossom festival. . . . former Mayor Henry Maurer, second mayor of Greenbelt was a dinner guest of the George Bauers, 1-J Gardenway. . . . Mrs. Dixie Sharon, 29-A Ridge, has her sister, Mrs. Harry Runnion of Glendale, California, visiting her for several weeks. She made the trip by plane with her two children. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Nat Shinderman and daughters Susan and Janet, 10-D Southway, were visiting in New York for 12 days. They were guests of Grandma and Grandpa Julius Froehlich. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Bowman, 14-Z-3 Laurel Hill, entertained friends and neighbors in honor of Bruce's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Sursaw of Saginaw, Michigan, who are their guests.

Although George Nihart, 14-W Laurel Hill, who works for the Air Force, is taking a business trip to St. Louis, he will go by train instead of plane. There ain't no justice!

Theron A. Thompkins, 4-C Hillside, is one of four members of the faculty of University of Maryland who will attend the National Convention of the Association of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation in Dallas, Texas. He will be there a whole week. Before he left, his aunt, Mrs. Ira Disharoon, was their weekend guest from Quantico, Md.

Mary Catherine Root, 9 years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Root, 2-M Eastway, was stricken suddenly with appendicitis on Saturday and was rushed to the hospital for an emergency operation. She's home now and doing fine. . . . Mrs. Ben Berkofsky, 25-B Ridge, returned home yesterday from Garfield Hospital where she underwent a throat operation on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyman L. Woodman, 20-G Hillside, attended the Bal Boheme in Washington Monday night and were snapped by the Times-Herald photographer; their picture appeared on the back page. Mr. Woodman was costumed as General Grant and Mrs. Woodman as his lady.

## Kandu Will Do

The Kan Du Club will hold a "Mexican Fiesta" on Friday, April 28, it was announced this week. The organization is a fund raising group for the Community Church. Further particulars regarding the event will be publicized later.

## GREENBELT LUTHERAN CHURCH

Edwin E. Pieplow, Pastor  
Phone Warfield 0942

Thursday, April 20: The choir will meet at 8 p.m. in the Holien residence, 2-F Plateau.

Friday, April 21: Men's Club meets at the home of Martin Chelstrom, 35-L Ridge, 8 p.m.

Saturday, April 22: Showing of the famous Hollywood pilgrimage play, "The Story of the Life of Jesus Christ," at Trinity School auditorium, 38th Avenue and Longfellow street in Hyattsville, 8 p.m. The public is invited.

Sunday, April 23: Sunday school, 11:30; adult Bible class, 12 noon; church service, 12:30 p.m. Sunday evening, 8 p.m., another showing of "The Story of the Life of Jesus Christ," in the Mt. Rainier church.

Boys and girls age 12 to 15 should enroll in the junior confirmation class. Classes are held on Friday afternoon at 4 p.m. in the Mt. Rainier church. All those who enroll must attend a 2-year course of instruction conducted by the pastor on the fundamental teachings of the Bible and the historic confession and practices of the church.

## HEBREW SERVICES

Morris Sandhaus, Rabbi  
Greenbelt 3593

Friday, April 21 - Candlelighting, 6:21 p.m. Services, 8:30 p.m. in the social room of the community building. Sermon: "Independence Day." Portion of the week - Tazria (Leviticus 12:1 - 15:33)

Saturday, April 22 - Jewish Independence Day. The second anniversary of the founding of the modern State of Israel.

## ST. HUGH'S

### CATHOLIC CHURCH

Rev. Victor J. Dowgiallo, Pastor  
Greenbelt 5911

All services in the church on Crescent.

Saturday: Confessions: 3 to 5 p.m. for children, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. for adults.

Sunday: Masses, 7:30, 8:30, 9:30, and 11 a.m.

Baptisms: 1 p.m. in the church.  
Daily Mass: 7 a.m. in the church.  
Wednesday: Novena services, 7:45 p.m. in the church.

## 400 Guests Attend Chasanow Reception

An outstanding Greenbelt social event was the birthday reception given last Saturday by Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Chasanow for about 400 guests on the occasion of their son Howard Stuart's 13th birthday. The reception was held in the auditorium of the community building with a buffet supper served in the home economics room. Dance music was furnished by a five-piece orchestra, and refreshment tables in the auditorium were decorated with lighted candles, candies, fruit punch bowls, pastries, and a large birthday cake shaped in the form of the Hebrew Torah.

Guests included Wells Harrington and Mayor Betty; George C. Warner, former mayor, and author of a book on Greenbelt, who came down from Philadelphia for the occasion; Rabbi and Mrs. Morris Sandhaus, the Reverend Eric T. Braund, several town officials, and Mrs. Elizabeth Fugitt, center school principal.

Relatives of the Chasanows from Philadelphia, New York, Boston, Norfolk, and Washington came for the occasion, with one relative flying in from Trenton in a private plane. Many former Greenbelters were also among the guests.

Mrs. I. Gerring of Greenbelt sang three numbers accompanied by Mrs. I. Stalberg. A poem written by Judith Fleisher in honor of the occasion was read.

A confirmation (Bar Mitzvah) service was held in the social room on Saturday morning at which Rabbi Sandhaus officiated. According to the Hebrew religion and custom, at the age of 13 a son is deemed to have reached man's estate and is welcomed into the Congregation of Israel. This occasion is traditionally celebrated as a principal milestone in the youth's life.

## COMMUNITY CHURCH PROTESTANT

### Ministers

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Rev. Eric T. Braund  
Phone: 5001

Thursday, April 20 - 8 p.m. Room 224, community building. Meeting of all Sunday School teachers. 8 p.m. Fidelis Bible Class meets at the home of Mrs. Christopher C. Mullady, 24-N Ridge. 8:15 p.m., Discussion Group meets at the home of Mrs. Walter R. Volckhausen, 4 Forestway.

Friday, April 21 - 8 p.m., Philathea Sunday School class meets at the home of Mrs. John Elder, 15-A Ridge.

Sunday, April 23 - 9:30 a.m., Church School at North End and Center schools. 10 a.m., Men's Bible Class, Center school. 10:55 a.m., Church Nursery, arts and crafts room. 11 a.m., Church worship and preaching. 6 p.m., Youth Group hosts to young people of Christ's Church, Silver Spring. 8 p.m., "The Rock," 3-act religious drama presented in community building auditorium, Westmoreland Players.

## MOWATT MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH

Russell B. Reed, Minister  
Phone SHepherd 0035

Friday, April 21 - Minstrel show at Center school, 8:15. The public is invited.

Sunday, April 23 - Sunday school, 9:45. Classes for each age group. Morning worship, 11 o'clock. Sermon: "Living Today." Organ music. The Fidelis class for young people 13-23 meets in the church at 7 p.m.

Monday, April 24 - The Sunday School board will meet in the church at 8 p.m.

Tuesday, April 25 - The WSCS Laurel Zone meeting of the East Washington District will be held at Marvin Memorial Methodist Church, Woodmoor, Md., beginning at 10:30. Mrs. Francis White will be soloist.

Wednesday, April 26 - The Friendship Bible Class will hold its regular business meeting and social in the home of Mrs. Filip Juch, 14-T Hillside. Mrs. Warren Hutchinson is co-hostess.

Friday, April 28 - Adult choir rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.

## College Park Bowlers Meet

Greenbelt bowling teams that will continue to bowl at the College Park bowling alleys will meet at 8 p.m., Tuesday, April 25, at the American Legion home. An election of officers will be held and refreshments will be served.

## Contributors Corner

This week's contributor, and winner of two tickets to the Greenbelt Theater and a dozen cokes, is the latest addition to *The Cooperator* Staff. He will be in the Advertising Dept. (Just across the table from the Editorial Dept.)

### GUESS WHERE

Just in case you doubt my word, Which, of course, is quite absurd, I will demonstrate with speed, How to write—proceed to read.

So I walked into the room, (Room which never saw a broom) Met some most peculiar folks, Swapped some stories and some jokes,

Watched them all pretend to work, Feeling like an awful jerk, Wondered how they ever got Out a paper on the spot, Had some coffee and some cake, (Progress of the modern rake) Listened to their conversation, Saddened by the situation, Stayed to see and hear some more, Stayed—but very near the door, Waited till they all went home, Wrote this silly little poem!

Now I hasten to my bed, And if you believe I fled, You may very well be right, From the jokes I heard tonight.

Ah, the atmosphere in there, Curls my one remaining hair, Gets into my very blood, And there it stays till God's next flood.

By Harry M. Zubkoff



## Housing America FOX TALES

By Mike Salzman

A cooperative housing corporation can select a mortgage financing system to meet its needs from two main repayment plans.

The declining total payment method (also known as the fixed-payment - to - principal - plus - interest method) allows rapid repayment during the early years of a mortgage. The monthly payment on the principal remains constant throughout the life of the mortgage, but the interest charge declines, since it is computed on the outstanding balance of the debt. The total monthly payment of principal plus interest declines as time goes on, permitting a progressive reduction in the member's monthly payments.

The better-known level-payment or level-annuity plan, popularized by FHA, provides for a constant total monthly payment throughout the life of the mortgage. This method reduces very slightly the mortgage principal in the earlier years, when the greater part of the payments goes for interest.

### The Pro and Con

Generally speaking, the first method is preferable. But, generalities don't always fit specific cases. A cooperative housing corporation should not jump to conclusions, but should analyze each method for its applicability to the specific case. Although the declining total payment method reduces the total interest payments made in repaying the loan, it has the disadvantage of increasing the payments during the first 40 percent of the loan over the level-payment plan.

If members of a cooperative housing corporation are certain that they are and will be financially able to carry this additional monthly payment for the first ten years of a twenty-five year mortgage, the declining-total-payment method is preferable. However, if the members will not be able to carry this additional load, the adoption of such a mortgage repayment method could well prove disastrous. A case in point: The recent purchase of our sister community, Greenhills, was accomplished with a plan for mortgage repayment by the declining-total-payment method. Today, too many residents find themselves unable to carry the resultant increased payments, and the group is faced with the immediate problem of trying to refinance their purchase.

Any decision should wait until all the information is available.

A modification of the level-payment plan is probably the best solution for most cooperative housing corporations. This approach is simple, and offers some of the advantages of the declining total payment method plus certain safeguards not present in that plan. This plan would schedule the amortization payments over a period shorter than that permitted by the mortgagee. How much shorter the period

By Sam Fox

**Baseball:** Tryouts for the Shamrock baseball team will be held this Saturday at 2 p.m. The Shamrocks will enter the Prince Georges County League.

**Softball:** The softball team will practice again Saturday at 2 p.m. Those who wish to come out for the team are welcome to try out. There will be a practice game Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

**Tumbling Show:** Plans are now made for the annual tumbling show to be held in the first week of June. All who wish to enter should get in touch with Miss Donoghue at Recreation Department.

**Swimming Registration:** Please have the children return the swimming registration blanks promptly to facilitate setting up all the classes. There will be no changes once the forms are in the Recreation office.

**Junior Softball League:** Plans are being made to have a junior softball league. All boys interested in joining the league should give their names to the Recreation Department. Teams will be divided equally when all names have been turned in.

**Junior Volleyball League:** We hope to have a volleyball league for the girls this summer, and all who wish to enter the league join up at the recreation office. Teams will be divided equally with prizes to winning teams.

## Local Studes Beat Andrew Field 3-2

The Greenbelt softball team sponsored by Nelson Studebaker defeated Andrews Field by the score of 3 to 2. The game was a hard-fought contest and prospects for the team look very good. Hugh Rowell was the winning pitcher, only allowing one hit and striking out 10 men. The other hero, Richie Lewis, stole home in the seventh inning with the winning run.

The next game will be played on Sunday at 2:30. The league will start on May 9.

should be is completely dependent upon the ability of the membership. A sizable saving in total interest cost is possible through this quicker amortization. The additional safeguard of prepayment of the principal by this method is illustrated by the provision incorporated in FHA-insured mortgages:

"In the event of a prepayment of principal, no default shall be construed to exist by reason of the nonpayment of the principal portion of any monthly payment thereafter due so long as the actual unpaid principal balance of the debt is not more than such balance would have been without taking into account such prepayment or nonpayment."

Unquote!

## Let's Talk Co-op

By Ben Rosenzweig

Our motto: "More light, less heat" Reluctant Draggin' - It beats my time. One of Washington's bigger stores finds business so good, it expands into Silver Spring. Business improves, so it builds an addition. Business still improves, so it will build a 6-million dollar store in Arlington. So far, so good. Nothing wrong. Let the Co-op propose to follow the same reasonable course of action. Everyone suddenly begins to ponder. Must be something wrong about being a Co-op success that's O.K. for everyone else.

**News** - This column has a reader. This can be proved by a quotation of this column in a recent *Cooperator* editorial. Gosh... Are we a celebrity, or sump'n?...

**Co-op Economics** - Cooperatives are designed to fill a serious void in the economic system. Goods which are needed by consumers at the best quality for the price within the average reach. That's how they've grown. That's how they've curbed monopoly. That's why they are the bulwark of democratic growth in business... the people's business. Even *LIFE* magazine admits this... editorially, that is... The people's pocket, the people's need, vital growth to strength in directions which serve necessary functions... Why then the furore when a food store is planned, instead of a cracked notion that bowling alleys or pie-in-the-sky is the answer?...

When people need bread and meat at the lowest price consistent with staying in business, asking for restaurants with juke boxes is pure goof-ball economics...

**Seat of Government** - Washington represents the seat of government by the shiny blue-serge appearance it presents. The cooperatives in that city should be the shining examples of efficiency, bustle, cleanliness, sparkle, and business ethics for the whole country. This is the only way our solons will ever get a chance to see for a fact what Co-ops are and can be. Exposed to countless swindling lies about what they are, the shining truth must be spread out on the record. We must bring to Washington and its environs a type of supermarket that the Dept. of Justice need never worry about. When that job is done, and Co-op retailing and wholesaling are on a sound footing, we can adjourn to the Bar-B-Q sandwich and the swing record. But not before...

## Girls Of Troup 85 Become Sr. Scouts

The intermediate Girl Scout troop 85 of Greenbelt became a Senior Service scout troop on Tuesday night, April 4. This marks the second beginning of a senior troop in Greenbelt, the first having disbanded.

The program, held in the Drop Inn, was attended by parents of the girls. District chairman Mrs. E. M. Weber spoke, as did troop president Betty Merryman with a summary of the troop's activities.

Leaders Mrs. Paul Linson and Mrs. J. W. Foor presented the senior Girl Scout pins to Joyce Elder, See SCOUTS, Page 4

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## County PTA Holds Family Meeting Sat.

A family talent show will be given at the Landover Hills Elementary School on April 22 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

The talent show will be part of the program of the fourth annual Parents Institute sponsored by the Prince Georges' County Council of Parent-Teacher Associations from 1:30 to 8 p.m.

"What Can We Do For Tomorrow's Parents?" will be the theme of a talk by George L. Carroll of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, at the afternoon session from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Temple R. Jarrell, director of recreation for Prince Georges' County, will direct a family fun program from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Whole families are urged to come—Girl and Boy Scouts will entertain small children with records and games. No tickets are required for preschool children for the talent show.

Families should bring their picnicker, and dessert and beverages will be sold by the Landover Hills PTA.

## North End PTA Hears Panel Talks

The North End PTA met Tuesday, April 18, in the North End school auditorium. A panel discussion on family recreation, parties, family fun, activities during illness, and scouting, was conducted with Bruce Bowman as moderator. In addition, a film entitled "The Shortest Way Home" was shown.

A nominating committee was also elected.

**SCOUTS**—from page 3  
Pearl Gold, Jeriann Weber, Patricia Parker, Betty Merryman, Roselee Fleisher, Doreen Taylor, Margot Kennedy, and Mary Ann Kramer.

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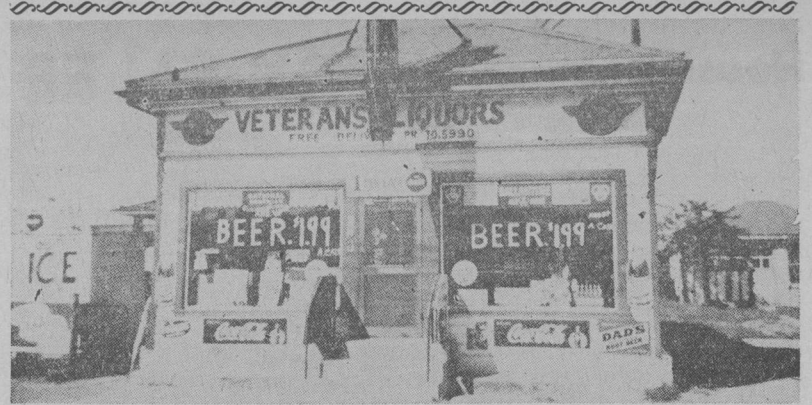
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